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State governments fearful that job safety and health enforcement will not be returned to their control were assured by OSHA head, John H. Stender, that their "fears are unfounded." Stender conceded that "many are fearful that such a return (of enforcement activity) to the states will mean a return to the same casual treatment of job safety and health that was the rule in most states in pre-OSHA days." He said management of state plans at the federal level including programs of monitoring and evaluation, will prevent any return to the "slipshod enforcement of the old days." Stender addressed his remarks to a labor-management audience in Honolulu.

States with federally-approved job safety and health plans must adopt record-keeping and reporting regulations which are substantially identical to federal standards. OSHA boss, John Stender, said, however, that states at their option may extend the federal requirements to employers with seven or fewer employees. OSHA exempted these employers from the requirements in 1973 to ease the paperwork burden for small businesses.

Sierra Chemical Company is opening a new and expanded international headquarters office and production facility. Their former location at Newark, California has been closed. The new facility is located at 1001 Yosemite Drive, Milpitas, California 95035.

Department of Transportation's Office of Hazardous Materials has received enough industry feedback to schedule a two-day conference on the transportation of hazardous materials. The meeting, slated for October 2-3, will include information on general regulatory compliance, international issues and transport of radioactive materials. Further information is available from the Office of Hazardous Materials, Department of Transportation, Washington, D. C. 202-426-0656.

Dr. John V. Osmun, EPA's director of pesticide programs, has returned to Purdue University. He began sabbatical leave July 1, 1972 and served as a consultant with the Cooperative State Research Service of USDA. Osmun then moved over to head EPA's pesticide programs. He will return to Purdue and resume duties in the entomology department where he has been a staff member for 24 years.

Collier Carbon and Chemical Corp., is constructing a new fertilizer plant in Kenai, Alaska. The \$165 million project will produce 1,500 tons of anhydrous ammonia per day and 1,200 tons of urea. Collier, a subsidiary of Union Oil Co., plans to ship the fertilizer to west coast markets.